

IN THE STATE COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

JACQUILLE MOSS, MIKAL
MERRITT, JACINDA KENNON,
AGNES BRATTON, TIFFANY
SNYDOR, INDIVIDUALLY AND
AS PARENT/GUARDIAN OF
AUSTIN COOK, ADRIANE COOK,
AND AEDAN COOK,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

DOUGLAS GUNDERSON,
METONE LIMITED
PARTNERSHIP, METROPOLITAN
BUILDING CONCEPTS, INC., AND
WELLMAX, INC.,

Defendants.

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CIVIL ACTION FILE NO.

22A04688

ANSWER OF DEFENDANT METONE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

NOW COMES Defendant, Metone Limited Partnership (Metone), by and through the undersigned attorney, and files this Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint as follows:

First Defense

Plaintiff's Complaint fails to state a claim against the Defendant Metone Limited Partnership, upon which relief can be granted.

Second Defense

Plaintiff's failure to plead special damages in this action bars their recovery pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 9-11-9(g).

Third Defense

Plaintiff's Complaint should be dismissed and/or transferred because of improper venue. Specifically, this matter should have been filed in Federal Court due to the amount in controversy

and diversity of citizenship. Because it was filed in State Court, it should be removed to Federal Court which is the proper forum.

Fourth Defense

Defendant Metone is not liable to Plaintiffs because Defendant Metone breached no duty owed to Plaintiffs in regard to the occurrence giving rise to this Complaint.

Fifth Defense

Plaintiff's injuries and damages, if any, were caused solely by a person or persons not a party to this action.

Sixth Defense

Plaintiff's Complaint should be dismissed due to Plaintiff's failure to name a necessary party.

Seventh Defense

Plaintiff's injuries, if any, were caused by an unforeseeable intervening third party tortfeasor and/or the acts or failure to act of persons or entities other than Defendant Metone.

Eighth Defense

Responding specifically to the allegations contained in the Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendant Metone Limited Partnership responds as follows:

1.

Defendant Metone is without sufficient information to enable it to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph One (1) of the Plaintiff's Complaint as pled.

2.

Defendant Metone admits the allegations of Paragraph Two (2) of the Plaintiff's Complaint.

3.

Defendant Metone admits the allegations of Paragraph Three (3) of the Plaintiff's Complaint.

4.

Defendant Metone admits the allegations of Paragraph Four (4) of the Plaintiff's Complaint.

5.

Defendant Metone admits the allegations of Paragraph Five (5) of the Plaintiff's Complaint.

6.

Defendant Metone denies the allegations of Paragraph Six (6) of the Plaintiff's Complaint as pled. The proper forum for this matter is Federal Court.

7.

Defendant Metone denies the allegations of Paragraph Seven (7) of the Plaintiff's Complaint as pled. The proper forum for this matter is Federal Court.

8.

Defendant Metone admits the allegations of Paragraph Eight (8) of the Plaintiff's Complaint.

9.

Defendant Metone denies the allegations of Paragraph Nine (9) of the Plaintiff's Complaint as pled.

10.

Defendant Metone is without sufficient information to enable it to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph Ten (10) of the Plaintiff's Complaint as pled.

11.

Defendant Metone denies the allegations of Paragraph Nine (9) of the Plaintiff's Complaint as pled. Defendant Metone is the only Defendant with ownership interest in the property in question.

12.

Defendant Metone denies the allegations of Paragraph Nine (9) of the Plaintiff's Complaint as pled. Defendant Gunderson signed the lease only in his capacity as President of Metone Limited Partnership.

13.

Defendant Metone admits the allegations of Paragraph Thirteen (13) of the Plaintiff's Complaint.

14.

Defendant Metone is without sufficient information to enable it to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph Fourteen (14) of the Plaintiff's Complaint as pled.

15.

Defendant Metone denies the allegations of Paragraph Fifteen (15) of the Plaintiff's Complaint as pled.

16.

Defendant Metone admits the allegations of Paragraph Sixteen (16) of the Plaintiff's Complaint.

17.

Defendant Metone is without sufficient information to enable it to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph Seventeen (17) of the Plaintiff's Complaint as pled.

18.

Defendant Metone is without sufficient information to enable it to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph Eighteen (18) of the Plaintiff's Complaint as pled.

19.

Defendant Metone denies the allegations of Paragraph Nineteen (19) of the Plaintiff's Complaint as pled.

20.

Defendant Metone denies the allegations of Paragraph Twenty (20) of the Plaintiff's

Complaint as pled.

21.

Defendant Metone incorporates its responses to Paragraphs One (1) through Twenty (20) of the Plaintiff's Complaint as if fully restated herein.

22.

Defendant Metone denies the allegations of Paragraph Twenty-Two (22) of the Plaintiff's Complaint as pled.

23.

Defendant Metone denies the allegations of Paragraph Twenty-Three (23) of the Plaintiff's Complaint as pled.

24.

Defendant Metone denies the allegations of Paragraph Twenty-Four (24) of the Plaintiff's Complaint as pled.

25.

Defendant Metone incorporates its responses to Paragraphs One (1) through Twenty-Four (24) of the Plaintiff's Complaint as if fully restated herein.

26.

Defendant Metone admits the allegations of Paragraph Twenty-Six (26) of the Plaintiff's Complaint.

27.

Defendant Metone admits the specific allegations of Paragraph Twenty-Seven (27) of the Plaintiff's Complaint only as to the specific allegations contained in the documents referenced which place a duty on Defendant Metone. Defendant Metone denies all other allegations contained in this

parapgrpah as pled.

28.

Defendant Metone denies the allegations of Paragraph Twenty-Eight (28) of the Plaintiff's Complaint as pled.

29.

Defendant Metone denies the allegations of Paragraph Twenty-Nine (29) of the Plaintiff's Complaint as pled.

30.

Defendant Metone denies the allegations of Paragraph Thirty (30) of the Plaintiff's Complaint as pled.

31.

Defendant Metone incorporates its responses to Paragraphs One (1) through Thirty (30) of the Plaintiff's Complaint as if fully restated herein.

32.

Defendant Metone denies the allegations of Paragraph Thirty-Two (32) of the Plaintiff's Complaint as pled.

33.

Defendant Metone denies the allegations of Paragraph Thirty-Three (33) of the Plaintiff's Complaint as pled.

34.

Defendant Metone denies the allegations of Paragraph Thirty-Four (34) of the Plaintiff's Complaint as pled.

35.

Defendant Metone is without sufficient information to enable it to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph Thirty-Five (35) of the Plaintiff's Complaint as pled.

36.

Defendant Metone is without sufficient information to enable it to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph Thirty-Six (36) of the Plaintiff's Complaint as pled.

37.

Defendant Metone denies the allegations of Paragraph Thirty-Seven (37) of the Plaintiff's Complaint as pled.

38.

Defendant Metone incorporates its responses to Paragraphs One (1) through Thirty-Seven (37) of the Plaintiff's Complaint as if fully restated herein.

39.

Defendant Metone denies the allegations of Paragraph Thirty-Nine (39) of the Plaintiff's Complaint as pled.

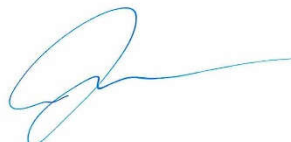
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Defendant Metone denies all other allegations contained in Plaintiff's Complaint not specifically addressed herein, whether numbered or unnumbered and including but not limited to the paragraph beginning "WHEREFORE," and all subparts thereof.

WHEREFORE, Defendant Metone Limited Partnership prays:

- a) For removal to Federal Court

- b) For six months to complete discovery;
- c) For a trial by jury;
- d) Defendant be discharged with all costs cast against Plaintiff(s); and
- e) For such other and further relief that the Court deems just and proper.



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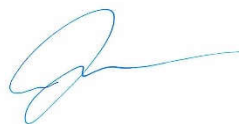
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have this day served counsel of record in the foregoing matter with the attached Answer of Defendant Metone Limited Partnership by e-filing and/or mail to the addressed as follows:

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